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1. The North Manchuria General Trading Company (北滿貿易總公司), in cooperation with the Northeast Company (東北公司) and the Hsin Lung Company (新龍公司), recently formed a new company to be known as the United (? Associated) Manchou General Transportation Company. A total of 15 billion Chinese Communist Northeast Bank notes was contributed by the three companies to form the new company. The new company is temporarily operating under the name of the North Manchuria Company (北滿公司).
  2. The new company is divided into the following five departments: General Affairs Department, Business Affairs Department, Road (Railway) Administration Bureau, Air Administration Bureau, and Water Transportation Bureau.
  3. The Road Administration Bureau will handle railway transportation primarily and will be mainly concerned with the transportation of agricultural products. Head office of the Road Administration Bureau is in Harbin. Temporary branches, known as the East, West, South and North Branches have been established. The East Branch is in Suifenho (131-09, 44-23) and controls the transport of commodities between Suifenho and Harbin. The West Branch is in Manchouli (117-27, 49-36) and controls the transport of commodities between Manchouli and Harbin. The South Branch is in Tumen (129-49, 42-58) and controls the transport of commodities between Tumen and Harbin. The North Branch is temporarily in Peian (126-34, 48-16) and controls the transport of commodities between Heiho (127-31, 50-15) and Harbin. The Road Administration Bureau has sent out survey parties (of which source was a member) to make arrangements for improving the railway beds, repairing bridges, replacing ties, etc., in order to accommodate longer and heavier trains.
  4. The control of the new company is actually in the hands of Soviet authorities who have long been dissatisfied with transportation conditions in the Northeast.

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